

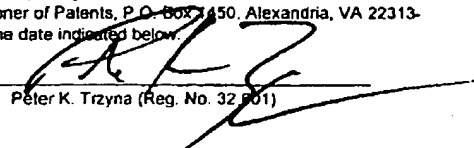
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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In response to the Office Action mailed 11 January 2005 in the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in view of the amendment and the remarks set forth below.